

March 23, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger Chair House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chairman Cole, and Ranking Member Quigley:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2024 (FY24) Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you provide a funding level of \$4,000,000 for the City of La Marque Water Line Replacement. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of La Marque, Texas, located at 1111 Bayou Road, La Marque, Texas 77568.

The funding would be used to replace 2-inch diameter water lines in the City of La Marque. The current lines are outdated, undersized, and inefficient. In addition, the current lines are functionally 1-inch in diameter due to corrosion, which is resulting in a public health hazard. The water lines will be upgraded with 6- to 8-inch pipes that will reduce water loss, while improving fire protection and water quality. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the improvements will result in better fire protection, water pressure, and water quality for residents of La Marque. The project has public health and environmental benefits, through the reduction of water loss that will result from implementation of this project.

The project has a federal nexus for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

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RANDY K. WEBER United States Representative